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MILK PRODUCTION

ALASKA: June milk production totaled 1.3 million pounds, which is the same as both last month and June 2004. Production per cow, at 1,070 pounds, was up 10 pounds from May 2005 and was unchanged from the same period last year. Milk cows, at 1,200 head, were equal to the amount from June 2004. Production during the first six months of 2004 totaled 7.4 million pounds, unchanged from the same period last year.

Milk production in the **20 MAJOR STATES** during June totaled 13.7 billion pounds, up 5.4 percent from June 2004. May revised production, at 14.3 billion pounds, was up 4.6 percent from May 2004. The May revision represented an increase of 26 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,683 pounds for June, 76 pounds above June 2004.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.13 million head, 47,000 head more than June 2004, and 9,000 head more than May 2005.

Milk production in the U.S. during the April-June quarter totaled 45.6 billion pounds, up 4.1 percent from the April-June quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.04 million head, 34,000 head more than the same period last year.

CASH RECEIPTS

ALASKA: Preliminary cash receipts from farm marketings for all farm products totaled almost \$53.0 million in 2004, up from last year's \$50.7 and \$50.2 million in 2002. Total receipts include all crop marketings and sales of livestock and livestock products.

Cash receipts from all crops totaled \$24.3 million, up 4 percent from 2003, and up 10 percent from 2002. Greenhouse and nursery crops made up 60 percent of the 2004 crops total cash receipts. Livestock receipts brought in \$28.7 million in 2004, up from \$27.4 million in 2003 and up from \$28.0 million in 2002. Aquaculture made up 76 percent of the total livestock products cash receipts.

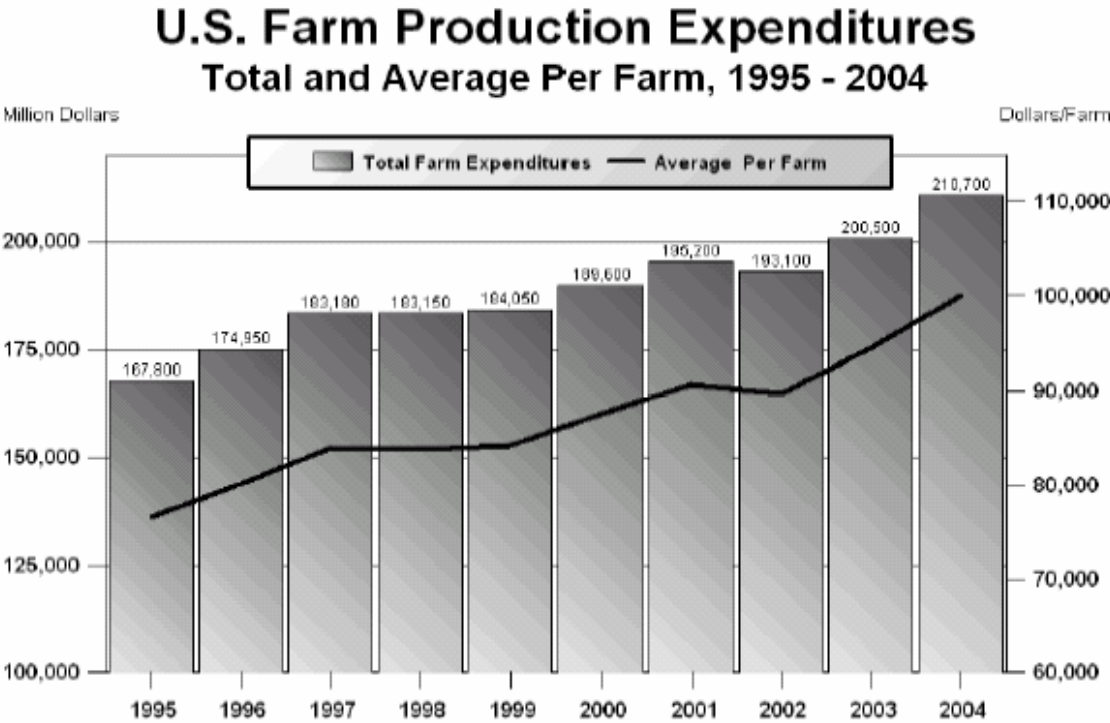
TRANSITIONS

Ray Garibay, Director of the Washington and Alaska field offices, has accepted a promotion and transferred to Washington D.C. Chris Messer has been chosen as the new State Director for Washington and Alaska. She will assume her duties in August and will visit Alaska to participate in the Delta Farm Tour. Chris is currently the Deputy Director of the Georgia State Field Office.

ALASKA CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARM MARKETINGS - 1997 - 2004								
1,000 Dollars								
Item	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Total All Commodities 1/	46,953	46,650	49,427	52,975	51,991	50,168	50,675	52,987
Total Livestock Products	28,082	26,706	28,200	32,648	29,016	27,959	27,351	28,658
All Meat Animals	1,962	2,765	1,924	1,722	1,472	2,279	1,216	1,822
All Dairy Products	2,892	2,726	2,671	2,487	2,780	3,444	3,214	2,822
All Miscellaneous Livestock 2/	23,228	21,215	23,605	28,439	24,764	22,236	22,921	24,014
Total All Crops	18,871	19,944	21,227	20,327	22,975	22,209	23,324	24,329
All Feed Crops	3,434	3,045	3,024	2,296	3,886	3,134	3,881	4,439
All Vegetables	4,100	3,405	4,360	3,902	4,707	4,458	4,688	4,820
All Other Crops 3/	11,337	13,494	13,843	14,129	14,382	14,617	14,755	15,070

1/ Includes cash receipts from all crop and livestock commodities in Alaska.
2/ Poultry & eggs (starting 1995), sheep & lambs (starting 1998), aquaculture, equine, goats, honey, musk ox, reindeer, elk, bison, etc.
3/ Includes greenhouse & nursery, berries, grass seed, and other field crops not mentioned above.

Delta Farm Tour August 10, 2005 Delta Junction, Alaska Info: Cooperative Ext. Svc (907) 895-4215	FAIR TIME Deltana Fair August 19 - 21, 2005 Delta Junction, Alaska Tanana Valley State Fair August 5 - 13, 2005 Fairbanks, Alaska Kenai Peninsula State Fair August 19 - 21, 2005 Kenai, Alaska Southeast Alaska State Fair July 27 - 31, 2005 Haines, Alaska Alaska State Fair August 25 - September 5, 2005 Palmer, Alaska	Internet Access to ALASKA reports at: http://www.nass.usda.gov/ak Internet Access to all NASS Reports at: http://www.usda.gov/nass/ Suzan Benz Agricultural Statistician Phone: 1-800-478-6079
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U.S. farm production expenditures totaled \$210.7 billion in 2004, up 5.1 percent from the revised 2003 total of \$200.5 billion. The largest contributors to the increase were tractors and selfpropelled farm machinery up 24.3 percent; fuels, up 19.4 percent; fertilizer, up 14.0 percent; feed, up 9.1% and labor up, 5.5 percent. Farm services and interest were the only expenditure categories to show a decrease being down 2.2 and 4.3 percent, respectively.

The farm production expenditure data contained in this publication are the result of a sample survey of approximately 34,200 farms and ranches contacted January through April of 2005 in all States except Alaska and Hawaii. This covers the population of farms in the 48 contiguous States defined as "all establishments which sold or would normally have sold at least \$1,000 of agricultural products during the previous year." These establishments include not only traditional agricultural operations such as grain farms and ranching operations, but also specialty farms such as orchards, nurseries, and those producing fish in captivity.